

reviewed by the Office of State Construction. The Office of State Construction shall inspect and review the project during construction to ensure that the project is suitable for habitation and to determine whether the project would be suitable for future acquisition by the State.

Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the private facility authorized under this section shall be designed, built, and operated in accordance with applicable State laws, court orders, fire safety codes, and local regulations, policies, and procedures of the Office of Juvenile Justice, and all State laws applicable to juvenile facilities. The Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall review and approve the design and construction of the facility before housing juvenile offenders in the facility.

Section 21.13.(f) Certificate of Need. -- The private entity with which the Office contracts under this section may construct and operate a chemical dependency or substance abuse facility to provide inpatient chemical dependency or substance abuse services to juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system without a certificate of need from the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Article 9 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes. The facility shall not provide services or treatment to persons other than juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system unless the facility obtains a certificate of need pursuant to Article 9 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes.

Section 21.13.(g) Liability Insurance. -- The contract authorized pursuant to this section shall require a minimum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of occurrence-based liability insurance and shall hold the State harmless and provide reimbursement for all liability arising out of actions caused by operations and employees of the private facility.

Section 21.13.(h) Training of Employees. -- Custodial officials employed by a private facility are agents of the Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and shall comply with existing statutes, rules, policies, and procedures that govern the custody and care of juveniles under the supervision of the Office. The private entity with which the Office contracts under this section shall have written disciplinary and grievance policies approved by the Office of Juvenile Justice. The persons employed by the private entity operating the facility shall receive training substantially the same as the training provided to employees of the Office of Juvenile Justice performing the same duties. Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section, G.S. 115C-325 does not apply to employees of the private facility providing educational services.

Section 21.13.(i) State Authority Over Offenders. -- The Office of Juvenile Justice may, in the discretion of the Director, provide services to and house juveniles who are involved in the North Carolina juvenile justice system in a facility constructed and operated by a private entity. Juvenile offenders housed in private facilities shall